

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 11/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 33-37, 42-46 and 51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 11/15/05 and has been entered and made of record. Claims 38-41, 47-50, and 52 have been cancelled by the current amendment and therefore currently claims 33-37, 42-46, and 51 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 33-37, 42-46, and 51 (renumbered as 1-11) are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Examiner believes that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the setting of a first or second mode by a user, in which the first mode stops an active job without displaying a list of active jobs in accordance with a designation input to stop an operation in progress and in which the second mode displays a list of active jobs and stops a job selected by the user from the list in accordance with a designation input to stop an operation in progress, along with the determination of the current mode that has been set by the user and the controlling of the system depending on the particular mode that has been set, with the other limitations as set forth in claims 33-37, 42-46, and 51.

The closest prior art, previously noted as Masuda (JP 11-3004), discloses a system in which a plurality of functions, i.e. copy, fax, or print, can be performed in parallel and when a stop instruction is selected the currently running job and the jobs that are in a wait state are displayed in a list. The user can then select a desired job from the list to be stopped. However, Masuda does not disclose setting a first or second mode by a user, in which the first mode stops an active job without displaying a list of active jobs in accordance with a designation input to stop an operation in progress and in which the second mode displays a list of active jobs and stops a job selected by the user from the list in accordance with a designation input to stop an operation in progress, along with the determination of the current mode that has been set by the user and the controlling of the system depending on the particular mode that has been set.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached at (571) 272-7402. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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